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THE FOLLOWING IS FROM

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1. GIANT SCALE MISSION 366 DATED 26 JUNE 1971 REVEALS THAT THE REFERENCED NORTH VIETNAMESE ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CROSSING THE DMZ INTO SOUTH VIETNAM MAY BE EXTENDED INTO THE KHE SANH AREA.

2. A 5.2 NM PROBABLE ROAD IN THE EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN KHE SANH AND THE DMZ ALONG THE DONG RAO QUAN AND KHE TA BOM RIVER VALLEYS HAS BEEN NEWLY IDENTIFIED. CONSTRUCTION STARTED SOMETIME AFTER [REDACTED] THE PROBABLE ROAD ALIGNMENT EXTENDS NORTHWARD FROM MOTORABLE ROUTE 608 AT XD811403, 3 NM NORTHWEST OF KHE SANH. IT EXTENDS TO XD732606, 2.7 NM SOUTH OF THE NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CROSSING THE DMZ. NO SIGNIFICANT NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED ALONG THE CROSS-DMZ ROUTE SINCE IT WAS LAST OBSERVED

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[REDACTED] IF LINKED, THE TWO NEW ROADS WILL FORM A CONTINUOUS ROUTE EXTENDING DIRECTLY FROM NORTH VIETNAM INTO THE KHE SANH AREA.

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3. THE NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ALSO JUNCTIONS AT XD775537 WITH THE TERMINUS OF A RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED CROSS-BORDER EXTENSION OF LAOS ROUTE 925 LAST OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] THE ROUTE 925 EXTENSION RUNS FROM THE ABOVE JUNCTION WESTWARD TO XD693523 AND CONTINUES TO THE SOUTHWEST TO THE LAOS BORDER AT XD638485.

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MAP REFERENCES:

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